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EXCERPTS ON SUBJECT OF VANCE MOSCOW VISIT; IRISH TIMES
UNDER HEADING CHANGE OF PACE AND IRISH PRESS HIGH STAKES:

CHANGE OF PACE
"SOME OF THE SMOKE EMITTED BY LAST WEEK'S APPARENTLY ABORTIVE
DISCUSSIONS ON A NEW DISARMAMENT DEAL BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IS BEGINNING TO CLEAR AWAY.
...THE KREMLIN, IT WOULD SEEM, WAS FLUSTERED AND WRONG-
FOOTED BY THE PACE OF THE NEW AMERICAN INITIATIVE."

"...FOR ONCE, MOSCOW IS ON THE DEFENSIVE, AND IS MAKING CLEAR
THAT THE EXPERIENCE IS NOT TO ITS TASTE. WHAT IS HAPPENING
IS THAT THE TWO SUPER-POWERS ARE SOUNDING EACH OTHER OUT. IT
WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ASSUME THAT DETENTE HAS BEEN MORTALLY
INJURED, OR THAT A SERIOUS BREAKDOWN HAS HAPPENED."

"...THE KREMLIN HAS BECOME ACCUSTOMED OVER THE YEARS TO A
DIFFERENT STYLE OF DIPLOMACY - MORE AMBIGUOUS, MORE
CIRCUITOUS - UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF DR. KISSINGER. IT MUST
BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP IS, BY AND LARGE,
OLD AND TIRED, WHEREAS THE NEW AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IS YOUNG,
UNTRIED AND ANXIOUS TO PROVE THAT IT CAN SUCCEED WHERE ITS
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PREDECESSORS, IN THE LAST 20 YEARS OR SO, FAILED."

"...PRESIDENT CARTER'S SUGGESTIONS FOR A NEW ARMS DEAL --
WHICH HE HAS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL -- ARE RADICAL FROM THE
SOVIET POINT OF VIEW; HE WANTS A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OVERALL NUCLEAR WEAPONRY, AS ENVISAGED
BY BOTH POWERS, AND A MUTUAL TOPPING-OFF OF EXISTING STOCKS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILE, WHICH MR. CARTER SEEKS TO EXCLUDE FROM PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS, IS THE MOST FORMIDABLE ARMAMENT ABOUT WHICH PUBLIC INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. UNTIL THIS MATTER HAS BEEN DEALT WITH, THE PROSPECT OF AN IMPROVED AGREEMENT REMAINS PRETTY DIM. BUT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE AT GENEVA IN SIX WEEKS' TIME, WHEN THE PRINCIPALS MAY HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR PROSPECTIVE MOTIVES. THERE WERE NO SOVIET COUNTER-PROPOSALS LAST WEEK; BUT THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT THEY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE FUTURE."

"...IT IS FAR TOO EARLY TO BE DOWNHEARTED. THE GENEVA MEETING WILL SHOW WHAT HAS BEEN LEARNT FROM THE MOSCOW ENCOUNTER. AT A FAIR GUESS, IT IS LIKELY TO BE MORE PRODUCTIVE AND LESS PROVOCATIVE."

HIGH STAKES

"IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO THINK THAT THE TALKS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BROKEN DOWN COMPLETELY, DESPITE MR. GROMYKO'S ASSERTION THAT AMERICA WANTED TO EWEAKEN HIS COUNTRY'S POTENTIAL IN THIS FIELD WITHOUG GIVING ANYTHING IN RETURN, AND DESPITE, TOO, THE BITTER ATTACKS LAUCHED ON THE AMERICANS BY BOTH IZVESTIA AND PRAVDA, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET UNION NEWSPAPERS. NOR SHOULD WE ASSUME THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ATTACKS ON THE SOVIET UNION'S ATTITUDES TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MOSCOW'S REJECTION OF THE NEW PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. VANCE."

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"...DESPITE THE SOVIET UNION'S INITIAL REJECTION OF THE VANCE PACKAGE, IT HAS STILL AGREED TO GO INTO TALKS AT GENEVA ON THE WHOLE MATTER IN THE FIRST WEEKS OF NEXT MONTH. IT IS A SALUTORY LESSON IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THAT FEAR OF ANNIHILATION CAN PUT AT RISK ANY PROPOSALS TOWARDS PEACE. AND WHAT IS MORE FRIGHTENING FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD IS PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASSERTION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON THAT "IF WE FEEL AT THE CONCLUSION OF NEXT MONTH'S DISCUSSIONS THAT AN AGREEMENT IS UNLIKELY, THEN I WOULD BE FORCED TO CONSIDER A MUCH MORE DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL WEAPONS."

"HOW MUCH THE HARDLINE POSITIONS BEING ADOPTED BY BOTH SIDES IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ONLY JUST ASSUMED OFFICE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO GUESS. BUT WHATEVER ABOUT THE NEW PRESIDENT'S NEED TO PROVE HIMSELF IN THE FACE OF MOSCOW'S INEVITABLE CHALLENGE, THIS IS A TIME FOR COOL HEADS. THE VERY FUTURE OF MANKIND IS AT STAKE." KRENE

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